

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:109

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ACTIVITIES OF VEERAPPAN

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Governments of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu had recently sought assistance from the Union Government to nab Veerappan;
- (b) if so, the details of assistance rendered by the Union Government and the success achieved thereby;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Union Government as well as State Governments have failed to nab Veerappan;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the plans being formulated by the Union and State Governments to nab Veerappan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. On the request of State Governments of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, one Task Force of NSG and 4 Companies of CRPF were provided to the State Government of Karnataka on 07.9.2002. In addition, assistance in the form of arms, ammunitions and equipments with technical intelligence support were also provided. Further, the services of Shri K. Arkesh, Commandant, CRPF have been placed at the disposal of the STF Karnataka to facilitate operation against Veerappan and his gang.

(c) to (e): 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects and therefore maintenance of law and order is the primary responsibility of the State Governments. It is for the State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka to formulate strategies for nabbing Veerappan. The Union Government has assured them all necessary support.